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## A. Cover page (hover over text for more instructions)

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| A.1[. program](#_acknowledge) | **Masters to DNP program** |  |
| [Replacing](#Ifapplicable)  |  |  |
| Academic Unit | School of Nursing  |  |
| A.2. [Proposal type](#type) | Program revision  |  |
| A.3. [Originator](#Originator) | Justin DiLibero | [Home department](#home_dept) | Graduate Nursing |
| A.4. [Rationale](#Rationale)Additional Information for [new programs](#type) | The current admission criteria includes:1. Completion of a graduate-level inferential statistics course within the past 5 years with a minimum grade of C

These create a barrier to the application and matriculation process. 1. Many applicants do not meet the current statistics requirements. RIC offers a course tailored to the needs of these students that runs during the first summer session. Applicants often apply to the program and begin taking courses on a non-matriculated basis before the statistics requirement is met. The DNP program director meets with these students for advising, and resources are provided to teach initial courses; however, these students are not included in enrollment figures used to calculate resources requirements until they are matriculated.

The purpose of this proposal is to:1. Revise the language around the statistics pre-requisite to allow students who do not meet the pre-requisite to be matriculated into the program.

The revised admission criteria will be as follows:1. Completion of a graduate level statistics course within the past 5 years with a minimum grade of C. Students who do not meet this requirement may be admitted to the program on the condition that this requirement is met within one-year of matriculating into the program.
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| A.5. [Student impact](#student_impact) |  |
| A.6. [Impact on other programs](#impact) | **None** |
| A.7. [Resource impact](#Resource) | *[Faculty PT & FT](#faculty" \o "Need to hire new full-time or part-time faculty? This is where you indicate if this proposal will be affecting FLH in your department/program.)*:  | **This will decrease the number of students taking courses on a non-matriculated bases and increase the number of students matriculated into the program thus more accurately reflecting the faculty resource needs evidenced in enrollment data.** |
|  | [*Library*:](#library) | **None** |
|  | [*Technology*](#technology) | **None** |
|  | [*Facilities*](#facilities): | **None** |
| A.8. [Semester effective](#Semester_effective) | **Fall 2021** | A.9. [Rationale if sooner than next Fall](#Semester_effective) |  |

## C. [Program Proposals](#program_proposals)

|  | [Old (for revisions only)](#old_program) | New/revised |
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| C.1. [Enrollments](#enrollments) |  |  |
| C.2. [Admission requirements](#admissions) |  |  |
| C.3. [Retention requirements](#retention) |  |  |
| C.4. [Course requirements](#course_reqs) for each program option | **Admission Requirements for All Post-Masters D.N.P. Students**Admission to the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program is competitive. Ideal candidates demonstrate a history of academic success, strong leadership, and potential for future success in leadership and practice scholarship. Specific requirement for admission include:1. A completed application accompanied by a fifty-dollar nonrefundable application fee.2. Current unrestricted Registered Nurse licensure in the state of intended practice.3. Master’s of Science in Nursing (MSN) **OR**a. Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) **and** a masters degree in nursing or a related field4. Attainment of a cumulative masters GPA of 3.0 or higher5. Transcripts from all post-secondary schools attended6. Completion of a graduate-level inferential statistics course within the past 5 years with a minimum grade of C is required prior to matriculation7. Verification of the number of clinical/experience hours completed at the masters/graduate level8. A statement of intent which should demonstrate the candidate’s leadership and practice experience, reasons for pursuing doctoral study, and the student’s potential area of focus for the DNP Scholarly Project. This statement should be representative of the applicant’s writing ability. The statement should be 2-4 pages, double-spaced, and written in 12-point font.9. Current resume or curriculum vitae Three letters of recommendation.**Additional Requirements for International Students:**10. Applicants with international degrees must have their transcripts evaluated for degree and grade equivalency to that of a regionally accredited institution in the United States.11. An official report of scores on the Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL) from international applicants who are from countries where English is not the first language.Applicants may be asked to participate in an interview prior to admission **Retention Requirements for All General Declared Nursing Majors**Students who earn less than a B in a required nursing course will be placed on probationary status and must earn a minimum grade of B in all required nursing courses over the next 9 credits. **Handbook**The School of Nursing *Handbook for Doctor of Nursing Practice Students* provides detailed and essential information about the graduate nursing program. It is available online at www.ric.edu/dnp . | **Admission Requirements for All Post-Masters D.N.P. Students**Admission to the Doctor of Nursing Practice Program is competitive. Ideal candidates demonstrate a history of academic success, strong leadership, and potential for future success in leadership and practice scholarship. 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| C.5. [Credit count](#credit_count) for each program option |  |  |
| C.6. Requirement for thesis, project, or comprehensive exam  |  |  |
| C.7. Program Accreditation |  |  |
| C.8 [Program goals](file:///C%3A/Users/sabbotson/Documents/Curriculum/Program%20goals)Needed for all new programs |  |  |
| C.9. Other changes if any |  |  |

## D. Signatures

##### D.1. Approvals:

##### Required from department chairs, program directors, and deans from the academic unit originating the proposal.

| Name | Position/affiliation | [Signature](#_Signature" \o "Insert electronic signature, if available, in this column) | Date |
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| Justin DiLibero | Program Director of DNP Program | J. DiLibero | 3/4/2021 |
| Debra Servello | Chair of Graduate School of Nursing |  | 3/22/2021 |
| Carolynn Masters | Dean of School of Nursing | Carolynn Masters | 3/26/2021 |

##### D.2. [Acknowledgements](#acknowledge):

##### Required from all departments (and corresponding dean) impacted by the proposal. Signature does not indicate approval. Concerns should be brought to the attention of the graduate committee chair for discussion.

| Name | Position/affiliation | [Signature](#Signature_2) | Date |
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